GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – APWAS - Allegations for failure in processing of bills without proper scrutiny which lead to misappropriation of Government funds - Departmental action recommended against Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W), Grade.I in the O/o the Executive Engineer, HLC(LOC), Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W), Grade-I (Retd) for the lapses committed by him - Article of charges – Issued – Explanation Called for – Orders - Issued.

GO Rt No. 1796 **Dated.02.08.2021**

G.O.Ms No.53 Finance(Admn-II, DWA, PAO) Department dtd. 02.08.2021

ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W), Grade.I in the O/o the Executive Engineer, HLC(LOC), Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W), Grade-I (Retd) in the GO read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W) Grade.I in the O/o the Executive Engineer, HLC(LOC), Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W) Grade-I (Retd) on certain allegations levelled against him while working in the O/o the Executive Engineer, HLC(LOC) Division, Anantapur in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. (CCA) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure.I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure.II). a list of witnesses by whom and A list of documents by which, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W), Grade.I in the O/o the Executive Engineer,HLC(LOC), Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W), Grade-I(Retd) is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order a written statement of his defence and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W), Grade.I in the O/o the Executive Engineer, HLC(LOC), Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W) Grade-I (Retd) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. (CCA) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte, based on the material available on the record.

(P.T.O)

6. Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W) Grade.I in the O/o the Executive Engineer, HLC(LOC), Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W) Grade-I(Retd) is invited to the rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules,1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W) Grade.I in the O/o The Executive Engineer, HLC(LOC), Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W) Grade-I(Retd) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules,1964.

7. He is specifically informed that this order does not preclude the Government to frame fresh charge/charges, if any further irregularity/irregularities are noticed during the course of disciplinary action.

8. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W) Grade.I in the O/o the Executive Engineer, HLC(LOC), Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W) (Retd) through the Director of Works Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam

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The Director of Works Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam for necessary action
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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI D.SREEDHARA RAO, THE THEN DAO(W) GRADE.I IN THE O/o THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, HLC(LOC) DIVISION, ANANTAPUR, PRESENTLY DAO(W) GRADE.I (RETD).

CHARGE

That the said Sri D.Sreedhara Rao while working as DAO(W) Grade-I O/o the Executive Engineer, HLC(LOC) Division, Anantapur has forwarded the bills to the Drawing and Disbursing Officer being Checker without proper scrutiny of vendor details and beneficiary bank details which lead to misappropriation of Government funds.

Thus, Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W) Grade.I in the O/o The Executive Engineer,HLC(LOC), Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W) Grade-I (Retd) by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited slack supervision, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened the Rule 3(1), (2) & (5)of A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules — 1964.

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ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI D.SREEDHARA RAO, THE THEN DAO(W) GRADE.I IN THE O/o THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, HLC(LOC) DIVISION, ANANTAPUR, PRESENTLY DAO(W) GRADE.I (RETD).

The Superintending Engineer, HLC Circle, Anantapur have furnished a report that double claiming of bills in HLC(LOC) Division, Anantapur have been processed and the same has been published in the newspapers of Sakshi & Eenadu on 20-03-2021. Also stated that a report has been lodged in III Town Police Station, Anantapur regarding misappropriation of Government funds and an FIR has been registered vide Cr no.78/2021 dt:-20-03-2021. He has further stated that as a prime suspect Sri A.Pravesh Kumar, Junior Assistant being maker of HLC(LOC) Division, Anantapur has been suspended, a show cause notice to the Superintendent P.Md.Usman being checker has been issued and the Executive Engineer of the division being drawing officer has been surrendered to the Engineer-in-Chief for initiation of action. Therefore, the Superintending Engineer, HLC Circle, Anantapur has requested to initiate appropriate action against Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, DAO(W) of the division.

A total number of 47 bills in which the said misappropriation took place to a tune of Rs.53,82,006/-, the DAO(W) Grade-I being a Checker has forwarded 22 bills for an amount of Rs.27,99,695/- to the Drawing & Disbursing Officer.

As per the preliminary report of the JDWA, Kadapa also, Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W) Grade.I in the O/o the Executive Engineer,HLC(LOC), Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W) Grade-I(Retd) has failed in his statutory duties and forwarded 22 bills to a tune of Rs.27,99,695/- to the Drawing& Disbursing Officer login as Checker in CFMS without proper scrutiny of vendor details and beneficiary bank details which lead to misappropriation of Government funds.

As per Para 89 & 90 of A.P. Public Works Accounts Code, the DAO(W) is a financial assistant, internal checker in all aspects to the divisional officer i.e Executive Engineer. As per the report of the Superintending Engineer, HLC circle, Anantapur and also as per the preliminary report of the JDWA, Kadapa it clearly shows that Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, DAO(W) Grade-I has failed in his statutory duties while processing the bills to the divisional officer i.e the Executive Engineer without proper scrutiny which lead to misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of Rs.27,99,695/-.

Thus, Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, the then DAO(W) Grade.I in the O/o the Executive Engineer,HLC(LOC), Division, Anatapur, presently DAO(W) Grade-I(Retd) by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited slack supervision, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of GovernmentServant and thereby contravened the Rule 3(1), (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules — 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESS:

"NIL"

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTCILE OF CHRAGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI D.SREEDHARA RAO, THE THEN DAO(W) GRADE.I IN THE O/o THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, HLC(LOC) DIVISION, ANANTAPUR, PRESENTLY DAO(W) GRADE.I (RETD) ARE PROPSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Lr no.EC2/SF99/16c dtd. 25-03-2021 of the Superintending Engineer, TBP, HLC Circle, Anantapur.
2. Preliminary report of the JDWA, Kadapa, Lr no.JDWA/KDP/Admn/A2/2021-22/55 dtd. 08-07-2021.

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